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## Finland Claims Artillery Fire Was On Soviet Side

### MOSCOW DEMANDS NOT TREATED AS ULTIMATUM: TINDER-BOX FLARES UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

THE TINDER-BOX OF Finnish-Soviet relations, which had almost disappeared from the political limelight, has been dramatically brought forth again with the Soviet radio broadcast of a War Commissariat communiqué:—

"Finnish soldiers," it alleges, "fired on Soviet troops on the north-western frontier. Four Russians were killed and nine wounded."

The announcement added that the casualties were caused by Finnish artillery but that the Soviet troops, according to orders, did not reply "despite manifest provocation."

Shortly afterwards, the Foreign Commissariat announced that M. Molotov had summoned M. Irio Koskinen, the Finnish Minister to Moscow, and had handed him a Note protesting against the incident, adding:—

"During the recent negotiations the Soviet Government drew attention to the danger of the presence of Finnish troops on the frontier near Leningrad.

"The Soviets demand the immediate withdrawal of Finnish troops 25 kilometres from the frontier at which they are massed."

### IRON HEEL IN PRAGUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Reports from Prague state that only threats of immediate death for all members of the Czech Factories Commission prevented Czech workers from staging a general strike on November 22.

The decision to call the strike has been taken by Labour groups in Bohemia and Moravia after the German authorities had brutally suppressed every demonstration of Czech patriotism.

Anti-German feeling among Czech workers remains at its highest, especially since the savage executions in Prague and the many other instances of British repression.—Havas.

### ADOLF WOERMANN SCUTTLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The official German news agency, Deutsche Nachrichten Buro, announces that the German steamer Adolf Woermann has been scuttled by her crew in order to avoid capture by a British warship.

All the sailors, number 127, and the 35 passengers have been saved.

It will be recalled that the Adolf Woermann, a vessel of 8,577 tons owned by the Woermann Line of Hamburg, took refuge in Lobito, Angola (Portuguese East Africa) on September 3 and sneaked out on the night of November 18, just after the British tanker Africa Shell had been sunk near there by a German warship.—Havas.

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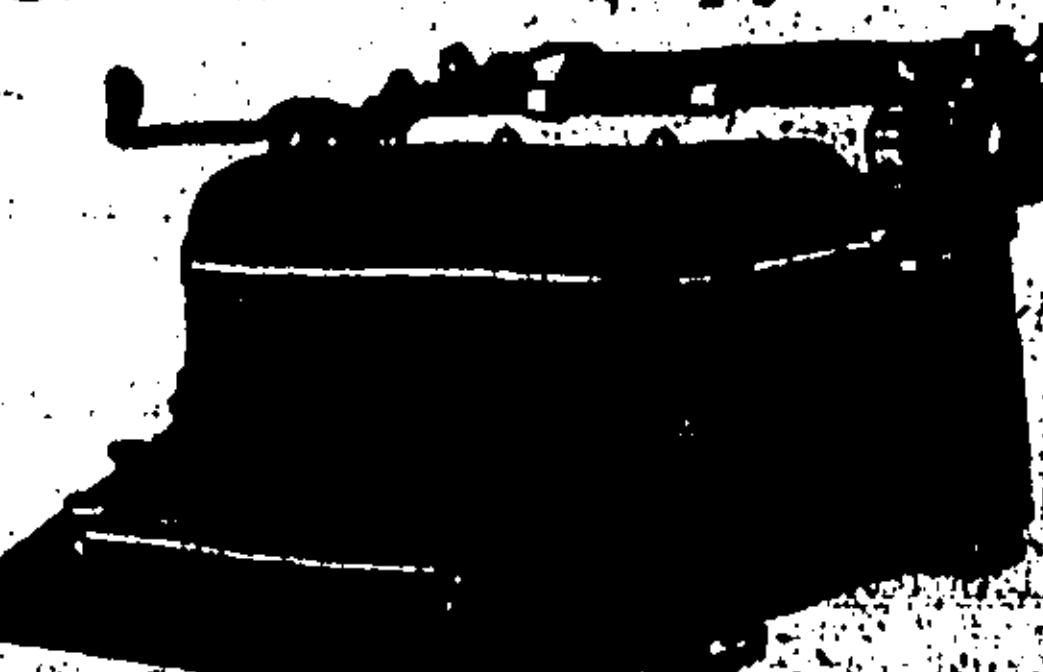
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# PARLIAMENT NOW THE FREE FORUM OF THE NATION

London, To-day.

THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS yesterday were con-  
fident that an effective method to deal with  
Nazi mine-laying will soon be found.Writing in the "Observer," Mr. J. L. Garvin says  
that under Mr. Churchill there is no slowness to-  
day. More than ever there was the need for an  
overwhelming air supremacy of the Allies to  
carry the war right into the enemy's country.The "Observer" also comments on  
the Parliament session which ended  
on Thursday, saying that the war  
has shown Parliament at its very  
best in spirit and efficiency.The House of Commons had put  
facts behind it. No further re-  
futation of the incapacity of a dem-  
ocracy in wartime was needed than  
is provided by the record of the past  
three months.

## PARLIAMENT'S TRIUMPH

The "Sunday Times" says that dur-  
ing the period of defence prepara-  
tion, strife between parties imme-  
diately became subdued.Parliament is working as a free  
assembly, a forum of the nation,  
rendering valuable service as an  
intermediary between the execu-  
tives and public opinion.The progress of the war is the  
single public consideration which  
dominates all others, but the func-  
tion of Parliament remains—that  
while no necessary sacrifice is grudged,  
the country retains the strength  
of its own freedom and maintains  
the principle of fair play and honest  
and constructive criticism.—Reuter.

## DAGGERS FIND IN GAOL

London, To-day.

Plans for a mutiny in  
Lewes Gaol have been frus-  
trated by warders who have  
found hidden in the engin-  
eering workshops fifteen  
roughly-made daggers, bay-  
onets and weapons loaded  
with lead.There has been trouble in the  
gaol since 120 prisoners from Wand-  
sworth, many of them desperate  
characters, were evacuated to  
Lewes at the start of the war.The ringleaders have been a dozen  
members of a West End gang.Eight of them, including the lead-  
er, have been sent back to Wand-  
sworth with the object of distribut-  
ing them to gaols throughout the  
country.Those still at Lewes have been  
placed in punishment cells.On one occasion the Salvation  
Army was giving a cinematograph  
show in the prison chapel when the  
men took lumps of lead and iron  
from their pockets and smashed  
many of the windows.

## EXETER UNREST

At Exeter Prison, too, a number  
of prisoners complain that privi-  
leges they enjoyed at Wandsworth  
are now denied to them and have  
started a protest meeting that has  
now almost reached mutiny.For several weeks there has been  
unrest due to demonstrations by old  
lags who were mainly from Wand-  
sworth.These men include some of the  
toughest of criminals, including East  
End gangsters and others whose spe-  
ciality is crime.

It is learned that an attempt was

## TURKEY'S ENVOY TO POLAND

Ankara. Yesterday.

The Turkish Ambassador to Po-  
land, who was in Warsaw until its  
occupation by the Germans, is leav-  
ing for France, where he will con-  
tinue to represent Turkey with the  
new Polish Government. — Reuter.made to stage a demonstration by  
setting fire to bedding in certain  
cells.The trouble appears to have ori-  
ginated since the outbreak of the  
war, when, under a Home Office  
order, men with three months or less  
to serve were immediately freed.

## "HOMESICK" PRISONERS

Prisoners having long sentences  
objected—prominent among them be-  
ing the Wandsworth contingent.  
They were under the impression that  
the order amounted to a general  
amnesty.—Our Own Correspondent.DAILY  
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# H.K. "WHITE SLAVE" TRAFFIC REVELATIONS

ACTIVITIES OF SLAVE TRAFFICKERS in the Colony was revealed this morning when two men were charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen with taking a woman, Wong Kwai-ho, 19, away from Hong Kong with intent to dispose of her for the purpose of prostitution in Kwong Chow Wah.

Accused, Chan Yan-kwong, 20, and Ho Yuk-hong, 27, who pleaded guilty, were sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Det-Sgt. Willcox, prosecuting, said the victim was a friend of the wife of first accused. She was living with the couple in the Colony. She also knew second accused, who, the police alleged, was a professional slave trafficker.

During a discussion about hard living in Hong Kong, first accused's wife suggested to the girl that she go with them to Kwong Chow Wan to be a waitress.

On October 5, the party of four, left the Colony on board the s.s. Seistan and arrived in Kwong Chow Wan four days later. They stayed in the Chik Ham Hotel for one night.

#### SOLD FOR SH.\$345

On the following morning, the girl was taken by first accused to No. 3, Au Pei Street, which, she later discovered, was a brothel. She was sold for \$345 in Shanghai currency. At the time of the sale, she did not know she was sold; she only noticed money handed to first accused by another person. They were talking another dialect which she did not understand.

Later she was told about the sale by the brothel mistress, who asked her to receive customers, but she refused.

Wong was kept in the brothel for a week without being forced to practise and then found herself re-sold to a brothel in Liu Chow. On the following day, however, the Japanese bombed the place and she managed to escape and made her way back to Hong Kong.

#### SOLD HIS WIFE!

On her arrival in Hong Kong, Wong Kwai-ho went to see first accused's mother-in-law and told her what had happened, and also told her that her daughter, first accused's wife, was sold to a man, but not to a brothel, in Kwong Chow Wan. First accused's wife was believed to be still in Kwong Chow Wan.

The old woman and Wong Kwai-ho then made a report to the Hong Kong Police.

On Friday, first accused was seen in Kowloon and arrested. Second accused was caught through first accused.

The prosecution disclosed that another girl's inoculation certificate was found on second accused when he was arrested, showing that he was engaged in a travelling trade between Hong Kong and Kwong Chow Wan.

The other girl, whose photo was found on second accused, had been located and was now in the custody of the S.C.A.

#### FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN JOHN ACOCK

The funeral of the late Captain John Acock will pass the Monument at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

The deceased died yesterday in the Kowloon Hospital at the age of 66, after a long illness.

He was a native of Rumsigate, Eng-

## PRISONER OF JAPANESE FOR MONTH

After losing all cargo and being kept prisoner by the Japanese Navy for a month, Lam Sang Chung, 43-year old master of cargo-junk P3014-H, returned to Hong Kong yesterday.

He said that at 8 a.m. on October 10 the junk was sailing in Chinese waters off San Mei when two boats from a Japanese warship brought about 12 Japanese sailors, armed with short swords, who boarded his junk.

They removed all his cargo, which included 1,000 tins of kerosene and a number of rifles, ammunition and gunpowder.

They took the junk in tow to Kit Shek, keeping the crew there until Tuesday last, when they allowed him to go.

Another junk was stopped on Friday, its master, Lo Tai, aged 35, has reported. The junk, No. 1893-H, was fishing near San Mun. It contained a cargo of eggs, pigs, wood oil and preserved fruit valued at \$9,125.

A Japanese cruiser, bearing the number "89," machine-gunned the junk and a boarding party of 20 Japanese sailors, armed with revolvers, then removed the cargo.

The junk was tied to the stern of the cruiser and towed off. Later, they came across another junk, which was fired on, and its cargo removed. The Japanese then allowed both to go.

## INCIDENT AT FERRY

Two Indians, Gonga Singh, money lender, and Mehar Singh, private watchman, were charged with disorderly conduct, and fined \$3 by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning.

They were alleged to have attempted to strike Li Chuk, of the K.M.B.C., at the Star Ferry bus terminus shortly before midnight. They were arrested by a Chinese constable, who, while escorting them to the police station, was also struck.

Li Chuen, 48, was fined \$20 or four weeks by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for keeping a common gaming house at No. 4, Kennedy Street.

land, and is survived by his widow, who resides in Kowloon. His last ship was the s.s. Kwong Sai, of the Shiu On Steamship Co., with whom he had been for the last twenty years.

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# GERMAN MINE WARFARE WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS NOT EXPECTED BY NAZIS

**REVIEWING THE WAR** at sea, the BBC Naval Observer said yesterday that all the German mines had been laid along the shipping routes around the British Coast. The sinking of British and neutral shipping by this illegal method is going to have a great effect on the war as a whole and not quite in the way the Germans intended.

War at sea is a complicated business. It is not confined to straight naval battles, but is a contest to strangle sea-borne trade.

The method of laying mines was against international law, not to mention all considerations of humanity, but we are pretty used to the Nazis breaking international law and will take reprisals—the stopping of German exports.

No German ship dare set sail except to ports in the Baltic and this means that her export trade is carried in neutral ships.

The reprisals will affect neutral shipping, but we adopted the same reprisals in 1915 and will make every effort to respect genuine neutral trade.

#### WEAKNESS

The laying of the mines is a confession of weakness. The U-boat campaign has not been as effective as was hoped and the U-boats have been frightened far out into the Atlantic, where they can only attack a few lone, unconvoyed ships, mostly neutral.



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And so the Nazis have turned to magnetic mines, which are not new and in fact were used in the last war.

The term "magnetic mines" does not mean mines which move towards ships like chickens when you come out with a handful of corn. They are the same as any other mines, except that they are magnetically set off. Steel ships form magnets which will set these mines off.

A new departure has been the laying of mines from aircraft, which can swoop down, drop their mines and be off almost before one has realised what is happening. This is an initial success for the Nazis, but an effective antidote will soon be working.

#### SPIRIT HIGH

British ships are plying the seas of the world, and it is inevitable that there should be some losses. The Germans can break international law, but they cannot break the spirit of the British merchant seamen.

So long as that spirit remains, the merchant seamen and the Royal Navy between them will see that this country comes out on top at the end.

This spirit is best exemplified by a survivor from the destroyer Gipsy who was picked up wearing only a football jersey. He explained that he had come ashore to play Newcastle United!

"You can change the methods of warfare and you can change the type of ships," the Naval Observer concluded, "but the sea and the spirit of our men who sail it will never change."—Reuter.

## GERMANY'S PUBLICITY UNSKILFUL

New York, To-day.

Mr. Edwin James, managing director of the "New York Times" in a long article declares that German publicity on the subject of mine warfare was not handled with the usual skill of Goebbels.

For four days responsibility was denied, then he put forward the defence that they were new mines, thus, presumably, accepting responsibility.

The German defence is below par and is not much better than the feeble attempt to justify the poisonous gas of 1915.

There is little doubt that the laying of loose mines is a violation of the letter of the Hague treaties.—Reuter.

## PATROLS ACTIVE IN VOSGES

Paris, To-day. A communiqué states that patrols were active during Saturday night in the Vosges region.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day. Last night's communiqué states: "Reduced activity of units in contact and artillery."—Reuter.

## SOLDIERS HEAR THE PREMIER

Two soldiers from Doncaster described their experiences on a visit to the House of Commons.

Pte. George Moore and his friend, Cpl. Morte, having a few hours to spare in London, went to see the Prime Minister arrive at the House of Commons.

"After seeing Mr. Chamberlain," Moore said, "we had no idea of getting into the House, but as we hung about Morte recognised Mr. George Hicks, M.P., who was with another member.

"To our surprise and delight the two came up to us, and the other M.P., Sir Charles Edwards, said: 'I would like you to hear Mr. Chamberlain's speech.'

"As I was walking up the steps to the gallery an attendant ran after us and said he must disarm us of our bayonets and side arms.

"We surrendered our arms and left them on the table. Then we went in to hear Mr. Chamberlain's speech."

## CHANGING THE GAUGE IN POLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MOSCOW, TO-DAY. WITH A VIEW TO CONNECTING THE POLISH RAILWAYS WITH THE SOVIET RAILWAY SYSTEM, THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE SPEEDING UP THE CHANGING OF THE GAUGE OF POLISH RAILWAY LINES BETWEEN LWOW AND THE FORMER SOVIET FRONTIER.

The lines west of Lwow are, however, being left untouched, probably because the latter will be called on to transport merchandise between Germany and Rumania.—Havas.

## FORMAL PROTEST AGAINST VENLOO INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. THE NETHERLANDS Government has lodged a categorical protest in Berlin against the Venloo incident on November 9, when Gestapo agents invaded Dutch territory and abducted two Dutchmen and two Britons.

The Dutch protest is based on the very version of the incident issued by D.N.B., the official German news agency.

One of the Dutch citizens, Lieutenant Klop, was killed and his chauffeur was injured.

The newspaper "Telegraaf" now gives complete account of the Venloo incident, accusing the Gestapo of having engineered the whole affair.

A few minutes before the incident, a German motor lorry arrived at the German custom house opposite Venloo, bringing several men dressed in labourer's clothes.

For a while, these men loitered around with picks in their hands. They then disappeared behind the custom house to emerge again in ordinary civilian clothes.

## CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR SERVICES

London, To-day. Vice-Admiral G. C. C. Doyle has been appointed Lord Commissioner to the Admiralty and Chief of the Naval Air Services from November 21 in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay.—Reuter.

## KWANGSI RALLYING CALL

Kweilin, To-day.

The Kwangsi Provisional People's Political Council despatched a circular telegram yesterday to all branch assemblies throughout the province, announcing the alien forces are now on Kwangsi land.

Now is the time, says the message, for all Kwangsi people to take up arms against the enemy and to mobilise all their resources against the aggression.

The people of Kwangsi must make it a sacred duty to see that Kwangsi grain shall not be made Japanese food, or Kwangsi waters Japanese drink, or Kwangsi houses Japanese shelter, or Kwangsi roads Japanese thoroughfares, the telegram declares.

Amidst the rivers and mountains of Kwangsi, victories greater than that on the plains of north Hunan shall be scored. — Central News.

## ROBBERY AT WING ON COMPANY

Jewellery to the value of \$243.70 was stolen from the jewellery department of the Wing On Company during the week-end.

## THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT LODGES A CATEGORICAL PROTEST IN BERLIN AGAINST THE VENLOO INCIDENT

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Apparently, they were members of the Gestapo.

LIEUT. KLOP KILLED. When the car containing Lieutenant Klop and his two British companions and the Dutch chauffeur approached the frontier, they attacked the men in the car.

During the clash, Lieutenant Klop was killed and his chauffeur wounded.

The same lorry then sped over the border, carrying the two Britons, the body of Lieutenant Klop, and the chauffeur.—Havas.



# Britain's War Aims And Britain's Peace Aims

## THE PRIME MINISTER'S BROADCAST ON THE ALLIED WAR STRATEGY

London, To-day.

**THE PRIME MINISTER**, Mr. Chamberlain, broadcasting last night, after referring to his broadcast of September 3, said that after 12 weeks of war he was speaking again, happily with health and strength unimpaired, and with full confidence of our ultimate victory.

He assured his hearers that we should not follow Germany's example in concealing our own losses and inventing non-existent enemy losses. He added: We shall tell you frankly what is happening even when the truth is unpleasant, and shall never refrain from publishing news except when it would be helpful to the enemy.

Hitherto the war has been carried on in a way very different from what was expected and we need not attribute the reluctance of the Germans to begin their great land offensive or attempt a series of mass aerial attacks on Britain to their humanity.

We have had plenty of evidence that no considerations of humanity have deterred them from any form of warfare they thought advantageous and they must, therefore, have come to the conclusion that at present they would lose more than they would gain by such attacks and preferred to use methods which they thought could be employed without serious loss to themselves.

### NEW KIND OF MINE

The latest of these methods was the sowing of a new kind of mine indiscriminately in our home waters, regardless of international agreements to which the Germans have subscribed, or of the fact that they are daily blowing up neutral ships as well as British, and thereby drowning and mutilating citizens of countries with which they are not at war.

They hoped by these barbarous weapons to cut off our supplies from overseas and to squeeze or starve us into submission.

### NO FEARS

"You need have no fear that this attempt will succeed. We already know the secrets of the magnetic mine and we shall soon master the magnetic mine as we have already mastered the U-boat. Meantime, despite some losses our convoys are still moving steadily in and out our ports and will continue to do so thanks to the courage and skill of the men of our merchant navy and the warships escorting them."

Mr. Chamberlain thanked the Empire peoples for the support so swiftly given and said that we had entered the war to defend freedom and establish peace, two vital principles of our Empire and the Empire's unity today which gave us a moral as well as a material strength to win them.

### AIR ATTACKS

Referring to the hardships and inconveniences due to the necessity of providing against aerial attacks, the Prime Minister emphasised that we could not rashly dispense with safeguards but the Government would certainly relax them whenever it felt that it could be done without due risk to public safety.

Some of them might sometimes wonder why we were not attacking the enemy more vigorously; the art of war consisted in bringing the greatest possible force to bear at the right time and the right place to be decided by those responsible for the strategy of the Allies.

Meanwhile, we had time on our side, and every week increased the pressure of the Allies' blockade on Ger-

many, which was slowly but surely depriving her of the materials so essential to the successful prosecution of modern war, which she could not produce within her own border, while the Allies had at their disposal unlimited resources in men and materials.

### MUST WIN FINALLY

With such advantages they must win finally and the only question was how long it would take them to achieve their object.

The Prime Minister said that our war aim was to defeat the enemy, not merely the enemy's military forces, but the aggressive bullying mentality which sought continually to dominate other peoples by force, which found brutal satisfaction in persecution and torture of innocent citizens, and in the name of the interests of the State justified the repudiation of their own pledges of word whenever it was found convenient.

If the German people could be convinced that the spirit was as bad for themselves as for the rest of the world they would abandon it.

If we could secure that they did abandon it without bloodshed, so much the better, but abandoned it must be.

### THAT IS OUR AIM

That is our war aim and we shall persevere with this struggle until we have attained it.

Dealing with peace aims, Mr. Chamberlain said that our desire must be to establish a new Europe; not in the sense of redrawing the map according to the ideas of the victors, but a Europe with a new spirit in which the nations of Europe would approach difficulties with goodwill and mutual tolerance.

In such a Europe, fear of aggression would have ceased to exist and such adjustments of boundaries as would be necessary would be thrashed out between neighbours sitting on equal terms at a round-table with the help of disinterested third parties if so desired.

### FLOW OF TRADE

In such a Europe it would be recognised that there could no longer be lasting peace unless there was a full and constant flow of trade between the nations concerned and each country would have the right to choose its own form of internal government, as long as it did not pursue an external policy injurious to its neighbours, and armaments would be gradually dropped as a useless expense, except so far as was needed for the preservation of internal law and order.

This would take many years and some machinery would be needed capable of guiding the development of the new Europe in the right direction.

He hoped that Germany, animated by a new spirit, might be among the nations which participated in its operations.—Reuter.

## T.V. SOONG AS FINANCE MINISTER?

Shanghai, To-day. Reuter is authoritatively informed that Mr. T. V. Soong, former Finance Minister, is being appointed Minister of Finance, replacing Dr. H. H. Kung.

Official quarters, however, state that the matter has not been definitely settled but admit that Mr. Soong's appointment is "highly possible."—Reuter.

## SWEDES INDIGNANT

Stockholm, To-day. The Swedish newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" expresses the general indignation felt in the country at Germany's illegal mine-laying.

This form of operation, the paper warns, will not pass without affecting

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## BRITAIN'S LARGE GOLD RESOURCES

London, To-day. In the Bank of England return of November 22, the gold coin and bullion in the Issue Department was valued at 168 shillings per fine oz. at £210,561,000.

As a result of the policy of massing gold reserve behind exchange control, this was a decrease of £326,000,000 compared with a year ago.

This drop in the gold held by the Bank of England is capable of misrepresentation, and Nazi propagandists have not failed to exploit opportunity. It is suggested that the £220,000,000 in the Issue Department constitutes the entire British gold reserve.

The gold reserve is now held, however, in the Exchange Equalisation Account which, in addition to the large amount of gold already in its possession, received £260,000,000 at the outbreak of war, transferred from the Bank.

The gold massed in the Exchange Account, moreover, is only a part of the financial reserves of Britain, which has foreign investments to an estimated value of more than £1,000,000,000.—British Wireless.

London, To-day. The Lord Mayor's Red Cross fund is now £706,000.—British Wireless.

the economic relations of the two countries.

Indignation is also expressed at the fact that a total of 38 Swedish ships have been captured and are being held in German ports. Many of these ships were on their way to the United States and eight were in ballast.—Reuter.

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"EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES"

Commenting on the "radical change" in Japan's attitude towards Germany, Shiratori says there are extenuating circumstances for Germany's action in concluding an agreement with the Soviet Union while negotiations were in progress for an alliance among Japan, Germany and Italy.—Reuter.

Shiratori also considers that "there is not the slightest justification for the anti-German attitude adopted by a section of the Japanese public."

The Japanese should repay Germany and Italy for their assistance to Japan at the time of the outbreak of the China Incident.—Reuter.

# Soviet Preparing Ground For Aggression In Finland

## MURDER CHARGE

### GAMBLING DEBT SEQUEL

Tang Chiu was this morning arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions for the murder of Leung Ki, in Chinese Street, on September 28.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the prosecution, while Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, was for the defence.

The following jurors were empanelled:—Messrs. J. J. Cameron (foreman), H. Turner, H. L. Moors, T. A. Kuesher, S. M. Cruz, H. W. Pomeroy and Tien Tat-ming.

Mr. Prentis said the victim died as the result of injuries received from a chopper.

There was no doubt that accused committed the attack, but it was the duty of the prosecution to prove, without any possible doubt, that accused was guilty of murder. One of two verdicts could be returned murder or manslaughter.

The dead man, who was only 21, lived at No. 8, Chinese Street, and was employed in the Naval yard until a month before his death.

Accused, 24, was unemployed, and of no fixed abode, but used to hang about Chinese Street. The street was narrow and not open to vehicular traffic, and had a gutter running through the middle of it.

#### TRIVIAL BEGINNINGS

Leading to the murder was a trivial matter. A boy, Chan Kam-on, won 85 cents from accused at pai-kau in September and was paid only 35 cents, leaving a balance of 50 cents which accused said he would pay later. The money was not asked for some time, as the boy was warned by his father not to gamble any more.

On September 24, the boy met accused and asked for the money. Accused said he did not have it then but would pay later when he did. There was no quarrel or hard words. In the afternoon, the boy met deceased and had a conversation with him in the course of which the dead man asked for 20 cents to redeem his watch from pawn. Chan said that if he was able to collect from accused, he would let him have it. That evening, the three met in Chinese Street. Chan asked for the money and told by accused that he did not have it, suggested payment of 20 cents first. Accused said that he had no money. There was no quarrel and no hard words.

Next day between 10 and 11 p.m., Chan met accused leaving a gambling house. He had a dollar odd in his hand. Chan asked him to pay his debt but accused said he needed the money as the following day was the Moon Cake Festival.

On September 28, Chan met deceased, who said he had borrowed the 20 cents from another friend and asked Chan if he could let him have the money to repay.

#### THE ATTACK

Shortly after 7 p.m., Leung Ki, deceased, settled down at the entrance of the street to play chess. Accused arrived and he, too, seated himself to play. The small boy came later. Everything was quiet and peaceful. Chan asked accused for his 50 cents and obtained the usual reply. Deceased then said: "Why don't you pay the small boy?" Leung Ki accused him of imposing on the small boy and said that if he did not pay up he might be driven from Chinese Street. Accused stepped back and

## PRESS ATTACKS AND A "FRONTIER INCIDENT"

### LONDON, TO-DAY.

**IT IS EVIDENT FROM** developments in the Baltic **that fresh pressures are to be brought upon Finland by the Soviet in order to force the Finns into the territorial concessions demanded in Moscow.** Most startling event was Germany's support of Russia, in giving "friendly advice" to Finland to settle with Moscow.

According to a Stockholm report, it is thought in the Swedish capital that the Soviet is likely to adopt diplomatic measures this week aimed as securing a definite result of the questions at issue.

The spirit of Moscow is shown in commentary in the newspapers.

Under the heading: "A Buffon Is Holding the Prime Minister's Post," the leading journal, "Pravda" criticises Dr. Cajander, Finland's Premier, declaring that he belongs to the school of Moscicki and Beck.

It adds: "Let him find out how those Polish buffoons, who have lost their position for ever, feel now."

"Pravda" further declares: Finland is being drawn by provocateurs into a foul and dangerous game. It is hoped that the Finnish people will not allow puppets like Cajander to continue steering Finland along the fatal course of Beck and Moscickis.—Reuter.

#### GERMANY'S "ADVICE"

Helsinki, To-day. The German Government is reported to have forwarded advice to Finland urging her to reach a friendly settlement with Russia in view of the "possible serious consequences."—Reuter.

#### ALLEGED FRONTIER INCIDENT

Moscow, To-day. An official Soviet communiqué accuses Finland of having fired with artillery seven shells at Red Army troops on the Soviet-Finnish frontier, killing four and wounding nine. Soviet Colonel Tikhomirov has been sent from Leningrad to investigate the matter on the spot.

The communiqué adds:—

"This act of provocation has caused tremendous indignation among the Red Army troops stationed in the area of the Finnish artillery attack."—Reuter.

#### HAVAS REPORT

Paris, To-day. According to unconfirmed reports reaching Havas' Zurich correspondent

picked up a bread chopper. The small boy ran away. Deceased also ran up the street with accused chasing him, and he was struck several times.

At the hospital, it was found that he was cut on the neck, on the cheek and left arm. He was in a weakened condition owing to loss of blood and an operation could not be performed.

Accused was arrested with two others in Wan-chai two days later. On the way to the station, accused said the two others had nothing to do with the wounding.

#### DYING DEPOSITION

Leung Ki died on October 2 and a dying deposition was taken. The statement would be produced but they were many discrepancies. Deceased was running a high temperature and was at times delirious. In the statement, the scene of the assault was mentioned as Lee Yuen Street, but there were four eye-witnesses to the incident.

The case is proceeding.

## FINNISH SHIP SEIZED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day. A German warship has seized the Finnish vessel Britannic, which was carrying a cargo of wood and paper to Gothenburg.

The seizure was made in the Southern Baltic, near Swedish territorial waters.—Havas.

#### "SUSSEX" MINED

London, To-day. Slightly damaged forward, the P. and O. s.s. Sussex, of 11,000 tons, has arrived at a British port escorted by tugs. She struck a German mine.—Reuter.

#### TAILS UP

A novel idea for the safety of dogs in the black-out was seen at Seaburn, Sunderland, when a young woman walked her black retriever, whose tail was ablaze with a luminous light.

Inquiries revealed that the dog's tail was encased in a rubber sheath, which had been given a coat of luminous paint. It certainly was effective!

Mr. Wheeler, of the Gospel Mission, Un Long, has reported a robbery of \$219 from his residence at about 3 a.m. yesterday.

is reflected in the abusive articles now appearing in all the Soviet newspapers.

"Pravda," the official Communist organ, declares that Finland is being supported in her attitude by a Third Power. The paper makes an abusive attack on the Finnish Premier, calling him, among other things, a buffoon, a jackanapes and the "leader of a political circus."—Reuter.

## RUSSIAN RAGE

Moscow, To-day. Russian rage at Finland's stand for her independence

## NEUTRALS DECLINE TO BE BULLIED INTO SURRENDER

### LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE NEW TURN given to Germany's war on shipping in last week is the subject of much public discussion. It recognised that a surprise factor can always be introduced by an enemy which does not scruple to violate international law, and, as to be expected, the surprise factor has brought immediate gains to Germany. Indiscriminate sowing of mines in the North Sea has resulted in the sinking of several ships, many belonging to neutral countries.

The reflection is frequently heard, however, that as the experience of the past has shown the advantage is likely to be merely transitory. That, it is pointed out, was so in the case of Germany's "sink at sight" policy in the last war which not only failed in the end, but recoiled with deadly force upon herself.

It is not doubted that methods to deal with the menace of the so-called magnetic mine have been considered by naval experts in anticipation of their use and there is, in fact, reason to believe that these methods are being urgently developed.

#### SHORT LIFE

Apart from what may well prove the short life of the technical advantage Germany appears to have secured, she has now to reckon with the effects of the reprisal she has brought down upon herself in the form of the Allied decision to seize her exports in neutral vessels.

This confronts her with the considerable problem of

in wartime of her export trade—and that part upon which she chiefly depended for free exchange.

Although, by using aeroplanes as minecarriers, Germany can sow mines in waters which are closed to her warships, thus far she has not succeeded in compelling the closing of any French or British port.

#### NORTH SEA "FAIRWAY"

In any case, all British Western ports are totally unaffected. Considerable interest has also been aroused by announcement that the Danish Board of Trade has proclaimed the existence of a "Fairway" to the British coast.

This is taken as a significant indication of what was to be expected—that neither Denmark nor other neutrals will be prepared to submit to German intimidation of neutral shipping. That Denmark clearly intends to maintain the "fairway" to Britain.



**MORE THAN JAPAN CAN MANAGE**

## PREMIER IN TOKYO ON MAGNITUDE OF “CHINA AFFAIR”

Tokyo, To-day.  
“**THERE ARE SOME** who believe that by the disposal of the China affair is meant the establishment of a new Central Government in China, the collapse of the Chiang Kai-shek regime and the withdrawal of the Japanese forces from China.

“Such an idea is a great mistake.” Thus declared Prime Minister Abe, however, in a speech delivered at a dinner-party held in his honour.

The disposal of the China affair, he went on to say, was not so simple.

Chiang Kai-shek, at present, had in hand 240 divisions, in addition to approximately more than a million guerrillas infesting the remote places.

The Japanese Premier urged the nation to be prepared to meet the situation.

It would take years to settle the China problem completely if they took into consideration economic problems, the attitude of third

## IMPERIAL AIRWAYS DECISION

London, To-day.

In the circumstances of the war, it has been decided to reduce the size of the Corporation which is to take over Imperial Airways and British Airways, and to “make further and better provision for the operation of air transport services.”

The Corporation which is to be known as the British Overseas Airways Corporation, is accordingly being established with three members only, in place of the eleven to seventeen originally provided for.

They are Sir John Reith, the Hon. Clive Pearson (Deputy Chairman) and the Hon. Leslie Runciman.—British Wireless.

## ONE MORE PLEDGE

LONDON, YESTERDAY.  
TYPICAL OF THE GERMAN TREATMENT OF POLISH PRISONERS IS AN ACTION REVEALED BY THE WAR OFFICE IN LONDON.

The Germans, it says, are incorporating large numbers of Polish prisoners in the German army.

This is in direct violation of the Hague Convention of 1907, to which Germany was a signatory.

The Convention forbids a belligerent to compel subjects of an enemy nation to take part in military operations against their own country.—Reuter.

## CONTROL OF WHEAT

LONDON, YESTERDAY.  
AFTER DECEMBER 1 THE MARKET FOR WHEAT IS TO BE CONTROLLED IN THIS COUNTRY BY THE MINISTRY OF FOOD.

The Ministry will decide the proportion to be devoted to flour milling and to feeding purposes.

This will depend on our supply situation.

Growers will not be allowed to sell more than one-third of their supplies for purposes of flour milling.—Reuter.

## R.A.F. TRIP OVER NORTH GERMANY

London, To-day.  
It is officially announced that the Royal Air Force again made a successful flight over North-West Germany on Saturday. The area covered included Wilhelmshaven and Heligoland.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered at several points.—Reuter.

## NO CHANGE IN POLICY

(SPECIAL TO “CHINA MAIL”)

Bucharest, To-day.  
M. Tătărescu, the new Rumanian Premier, in a statement to the Press, said that Rumania's foreign policy is remaining unchanged.

The new government is maintaining the attitude of strict neutrality adopted by Rumania in the present conflict and of developing friendly relations with neighbour countries.—Havas.

## FOUR DIE IN DISASTROUS WEST POINT FIRE

**THREE WERE KILLED**, several are missing under circumstances suggesting that the deathroll will prove to be higher, and six are badly injured, in the Queen Mary Hospital, as the result of a disastrous fire at West Point early this morning.

The outbreak occurred on the ground floor of No. 466, Queen's Road West, the Kwong Li Loong Grocery, and the first and second floors were quickly involved.

Fokis from the grocery escaped, with the exception of two who were taken to hospital seriously burned.

Nearly forty persons were sleeping on the upper floors when the alarm was given and many of them were trapped.

**LEAPS FOR LIFE**  
Eight of them jumped into the street in a despairing bid for life. One woman was killed on the spot and two other women died of their injuries at the Queen Mary. Five others were taken to hospital in a serious condition.

The fire started at about 1.15 a.m. and was not brought finally under control until 2.30 a.m. although five fire appliances came from various stations on the island. The Emergency Unit co-operated.

The building was completely gutted, and the first floor of No. 464 Queen's Road West was also damaged by fire.

### ANOTHER VICTIM

Later.  
It is feared that other victims will be found in the debris. One body has already been found this morning and several children have not yet been accounted for.

### TREASURY BILLS IN KEEN DEMAND

London, Yesterday.  
Applications for Treasury Bills were again heavy this week, when the total amount applied for tenders for £65,000,000 was £106,310,000.

Average rate per cent. for bills at three months was 23/11.46 against 23/8.01d. a week ago.—British Wireless.

## STREET FIGHTING AT NANNING

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Nanning was heavily bombed yesterday and a huge fire was started in the city which was still blazing away last night, according to official Chinese reports received here.

It was also admitted that following severe shelling and incessant bombing, the Japanese managed to enter the north-east part of the town and that sharp street-fighting was occurring in that part of the city.

Meanwhile furious hand-to-hand clashes are occurring on the southwest outskirts of the former Kwangsi capital, while guerilla bands are attacking the Japanese rear lines between Yamchowfu and Nanning.

Telephonic communications between Liuchow and Nanning was disrupted and late last night had not yet been restored.—Our Own Correspondent.

## YOUR OWN JOB

## A.R.P. AND PETS

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, DOMESTIC PETS WILL BE CONSIDERED THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR OWNERS WHO WILL THEMSELVES HAVE TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR PROTECTION FROM GAS ATTACKS, OR DESTROY THE ANIMALS.

Animals will be prohibited from entering shelters provided for the public, and owners should make up their minds whether they can take care of the animals themselves, or whether it is best to have them destroyed.

It is important that dogs be muzzled in any private shelter, as they become frenzied in a raid.

No satisfactory animal respirator has yet been produced.

Animals found abroad in a raid will be destroyed by the authorities.



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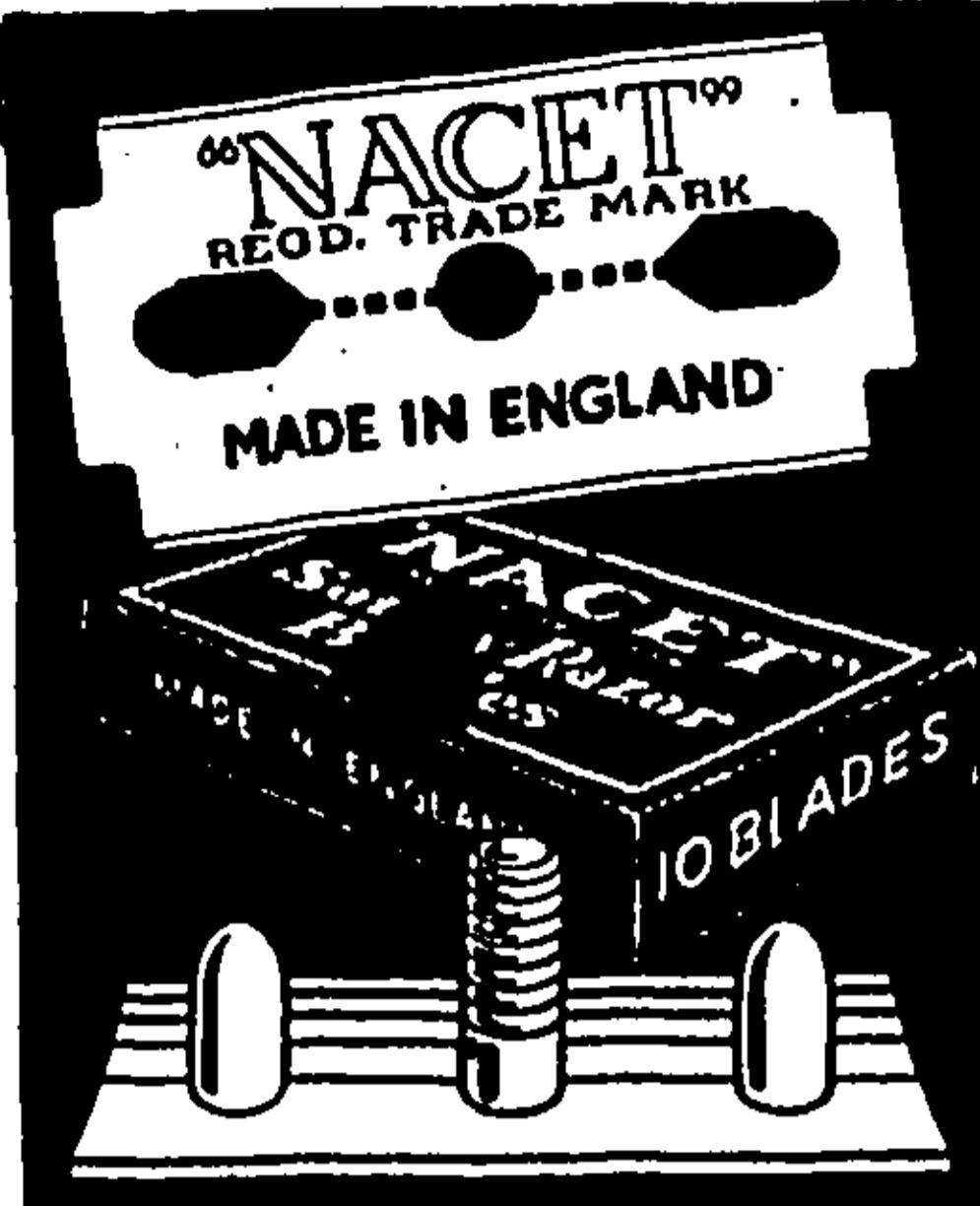
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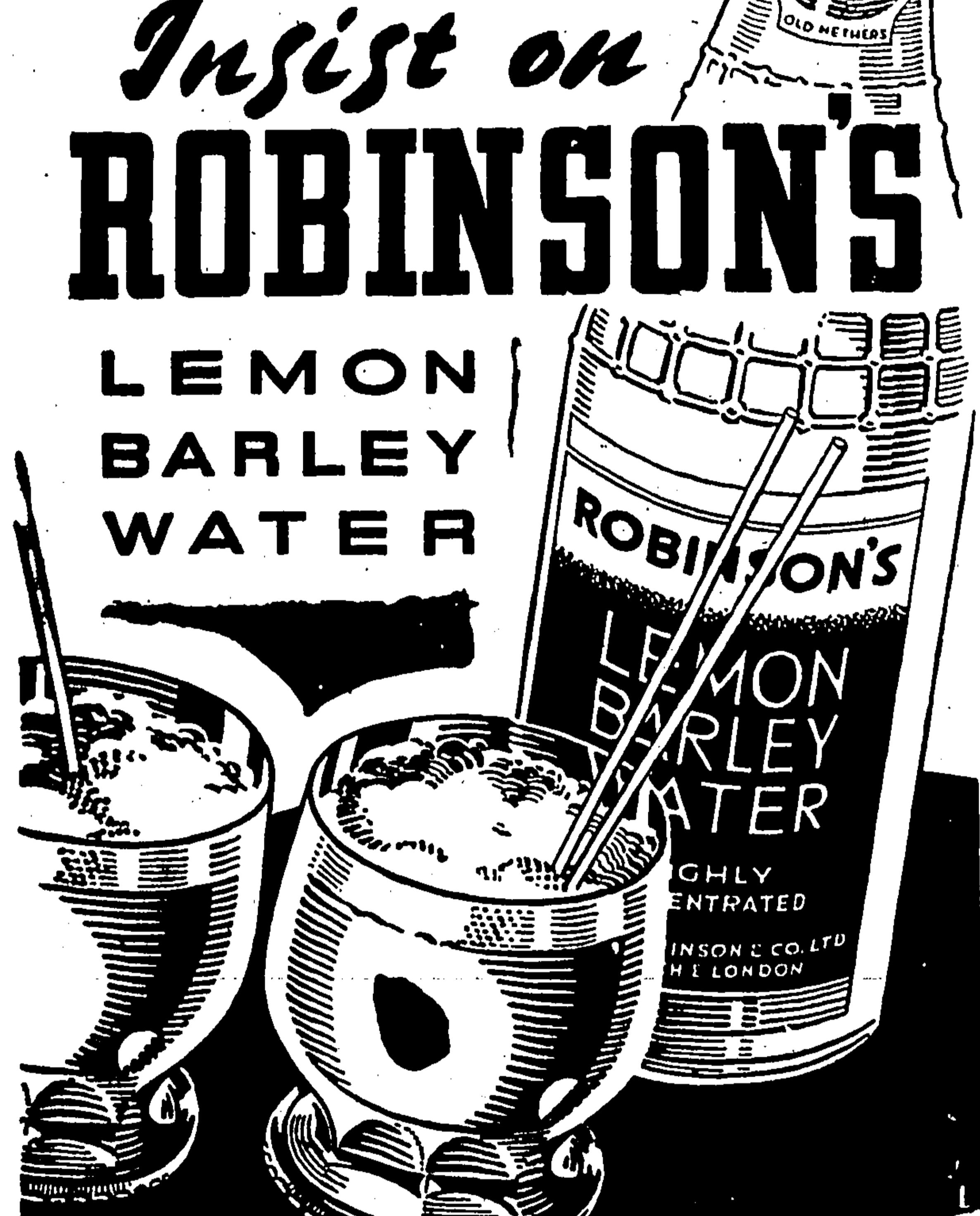
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Bringing Up Father



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## PITFALLS IN AMPLIFYING WAR AIMS

RETICENCE in war-time is one of the major virtues. It may, of course, be carried to excess, but saying too little rarely produces such mischief as saying too much.

The Government are being pressed to state their War Aims more fully. The sounder view, I believe, is that for the time they have said enough. Their first and immediate aim is to destroy Hitlerism. Their ultimate and larger aim was described by Mr. Chamberlain on Sept. 20 in the following terms:

"Our general purpose in this struggle is to redeem the nations of Europe from the perpetual and recurring fear of German aggression and to preserve their independence and liberties."

That is generally held to involve some reconstruction—which, whether large or small, will be useless if not practical—of the international polity of Europe. It is this larger aim which attracts the professional idealists, if I may so call them without offence, who are already eagerly anticipating the grand debates of a Peace Conference after the war.

They want to know the plan of salvation for Europe which is to settle disputes between nations by negotiation and not by force, and they ask: "What sort of a Peace will you make? How will you treat conquered Germany this time? What bid will you make to secure her co-operation for the common good?"

### THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO KEEP IN STEP

Every idealist has his own nostrum, his specific which cannot fail. There is surely a cure, they all say, if one could only find it, and as the old specifics have been tried and failed we should turn to something novel and even audacious.

This is a rather dangerous frame of mind. Human nature does not progress per saltum. It often struggles forward and then slips back, not the whole way, but far enough to leave the net gain small.

We seemed to make a triumphant advance in 1919 when we instituted the League and the Covenant. Alas, we presumed too much. A noble temple was erected, but the worshippers could not live up to their professions. That is no reason for demolishing the temple, but there is an overwhelming case for repairs. On what lines? Again, it is too soon for the Government to say.

The Prime Minister has laid particular stress on the entire agreement between the British and French Governments, and he recently observed that later statements of war aims would be made in the same spirit of agreement.

There was a cautionary note in that declaration. What he implied was that the two Governments must keep step together in respect of war aims as in respect of the conduct of the war.

### IS THERE A CASE FOR FEDERATED STATES?

Let us not forget the unhappy disagreements between the British and French Governments at Versailles and after, which for a considerable time turned the Entente into a mockery. We can best avoid any repetition of those painful episodes by keeping our feet firmly planted on the earth.

Human nature will not be profoundly changed after the war, and Nationalism is firmly planted in human nature. Throw it out with a pitchfork, but back it will come. Let us strictly observe, therefore, the limits of the practical.

The favourite nostrum of the moment seems to be a Federal solution for Europe, which is to provide a means of escape from perfervid Nationalism. Yet there is no modern tradition of Federalism in Europe and the early experiments crashed badly. The demand for it does not spring from the soil. If the Swiss example is quoted in refutation, what analogy is there between two Swiss Cantons and, say, France and Germany or Great Britain and Russia? Like must be compared with like.

If the similar project of Imperial Federation for the British Empire, admirable as it was in theory, and advocated by statesmen like Lord Rosebery and Lord Milner, had force to be dropped because Dominion statesmen would not look at it, what chance is there of the Great Powers of Europe—to mention only these—submitting to taxation, for whatever purpose imposed, from a Federal centre?

### NEUTRALS DO NOT NEED FURTHER ASSURANCE

Who can conceive a Federal body drawn from the Democracies, the Axis Powers—if the "eternal axis" still survives—and the new Axis which runs from Berlin to Moscow through Warsaw?

Have the idealists forgotten what happened to the Disarmament Conference after

two years of busy preparation and to the World Economic Conference which founder'd helplessly after a few opening speeches?

Federal constitutions have never worked smoothly unless the constituent states were more or less of the same mind and purpose. No one can say to-day what the grouping of the European states will be at the end of the war. But just as little can anyone pretend to foresee a reasonable likelihood of Great Britain and France working amicably with Russia at a common council table for the common good of Europe. There is no need to specify other Powers.

At this moment Russia is engaged in reducing the independence of the Baltic Republic to a simulacrum. She is enveloping them as a spider envelops flies in its web. She is outraging the very principles which the new order is to maintain. And yet some people would have us go into conference here and now with Germany and Russia, as fellow-workers in the cause of peace and humanity. This is not keeping out feet on solid earth.

We are told by some others that a fuller statement of British war aims is required to "impress" the neutral states. In what direction? European neutrals already know that they have nothing to fear from the Democracies and everything to fear from Germany. They have seen Hitlerism at work for six years. What they see is sufficiently "impressive" without definition of British war aims which imperious circumstances might later require the French and British Governments in some respects to modify.

### DANGER IN PROMISING TOO MUCH TOO EARLY

In the last war, it will be remembered, the British Government entered into sundry secret treaties which later led to calamitous disputes. Italy exacted certain specific promises from the Allies before she finally determined to break with her partners of the Triple Alliance, and these subsequently could not be reconciled with the principle of "self-determination." Again, we entered into engagements with the Arabs not wholly compatible with other promises given at other times.

Lord Balfour's promise of "a spiritual home" to the Jews was made in all sincerity by one of the most honourable of British statesmen, but without full realisation of the impossibility of satisfying two acutely contrasted and rival nationalisms.

Russia was promised Constantinople as a prize of victory, and Asia Minor was parceled out on a blue print to satisfy the territorial ambitions of Greeks, Italians, and other Powers. These examples should serve as salutary warnings now.

Observe, too, the danger of including such phrases as "self-determination" and "collective security" among British war aims from which no departure can ever in any circumstances be permitted. They are not always practicable. Europe is an old chequer board. There will still be enclaves five centuries hence.

Britain clung tenaciously to collective security, a doctrine which required more from those who pledged it their support than they found themselves able to give. No nation was ready to go to war on behalf of the victim of a strong aggressor unless it felt its own interests directly menaced.

### DISCOVERING THE MIND OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE

Let us organise victory before we organise peace, and be careful not to sow the seeds of future dissensions by raising highly controversial questions which can only weaken the common effort.

The nations of Europe were morally not ready for the New Order that was envisaged in the League and the Covenant. That had far more to do with their breakdown than any flaws of organisation or even any injustices in the Treaty itself. Let us not, therefore, be in too great a hurry to proclaim what we mean to do when victory is won, until we know more precisely what are the limits of the practical.

We must discover more fully than we can possibly do to-day the mind of the German people, and the extent of their readiness to return to the decencies of both national and international life. That will doubtless be revealed more fully as the war proceeds.

Meanwhile, let us not forget three out of many essentials of a just peace. One is the exaction of adequate retribution for the savagery shown in the destruction of Poland; the second is to avoid the incredible blunders in respect of Reparations made in the Treaty of Versailles; the third is to insist on what M. Daladier recently described as "a definite guarantee of security." He was too wise to define it more closely now.

## "GERMANY WILL NOT GET AWAY WITH IT"

London, Yesterday.  
THE DISCLOSURE OF THE ruthless torpedoing of the Dutch tanker Sliedrecht has caused deep indignation among the Dutch people, already aghast at the sinking of the Simon Bolivar, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

Complete neutrality is still maintained by the Dutch press, but the man-in-the-street in the Netherlands realises there can be no doubt about German responsibility.

## EMPIRE'S SHARE IN WAR EFFORT

Ottawa, Yesterday.  
The extent to which Australia and Canada are throwing their resources into the Empire's war effort was revealed in two broadcasts in Ottawa last night.

Mr. J. G. Fairbairn, the Australian Air Minister, who is heading the Australian air-mission to the talks here, said the people of Australia were united in determination to carry the war to a successful conclusion.

Australia's expenditure in the first year of war would be £50,000,000.

In addition they had in training twice the number of men as in the last war.

The air training plan would result in the greatest air force of all time. Twenty thousand pilots would be completely trained in Australia, and many thousands more in Canada.

Australia had also built up a considerable munitions industry.

The people of the British Isles would not be left to shoulder the whole burden of the war.

CANADA'S PART

The Canadian Finance Minister, in another broadcast, said Canada's estimated expenditure in the first year of war would be £63,000,000.

Canada's economic effort had been planned on a colossal scale, and an estimate that the war will last three years.

Canada's participation, he said, was limited only by her capacity.—Reuter.

Colonel Ralston (Canadian Finance Minister) stated that the credits provided by Canada for the United Kingdom Government already amounted to 100 million dollars which would enable payments on purchases for some time to come.

He added that plans were under way by which the Canadian Government hoped to provide additional funds as might be arranged in future financial and economic discussions between the two Governments.—British Wireless.

## DETECTIVE SHOOTS

A Chinese was shot early to-day by a Chinese detective when he resisted search. The incident occurred at the Un Loong bus stop.

When the detective attempted to search him the man, Kwok Kwai-shun, pulled out a revolver and fired at point blank range. Fortunately for the detective, the weapon misfired, and the gunman then fell to the ground with a bullet wound in the thigh from the detective's gun.

## DISMISSED

The case in which Lina Choa, of Tam Kung Road, was charged with being an unregistered money lender, was concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen dismissed the case on the ground that the prosecution could produce no evidence of lending within the last six months.

He pointed out that the repayment of loan was not evidence of lending.

London, Yesterday.

"Germany will not get away with it this time. There are survivors," a Hollande told the correspondent grimly.

It is expected that the Netherlands Government will demand compensation from Germany.—Reuter.

## GERMANY RUNS INTO OBSTACLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
BUCHAREST, To-DAY.

THE GERMAN DELEGATES WHO CAME HERE TO PURCHASE RUMANIAN MANGANESE AND LUMBER HAVE LEFT FOR GERMANY AGAIN, ON THEIR FAILING TO REACH ANY SORT OF AGREEMENT WITH RUMANIAN MERCHANTS.

It is understood that the parleys broke off because of the difficulties of the larger scope of Rumanian-German negotiations, and also because of obstacles raised by the Soviet, which refused to permit the use of the railways through Soviet-occupied Poland.—Havas.

## MERCURY DOWN TO 54

Temperature of the air during the night reached its lowest point since last winter, falling to 54 degrees, the Royal Observatory report records.

At 10 a.m., the thermometer showed only 59 degrees, while 62 degrees was yesterday's maximum.

A continuance of present conditions is expected, with a warming-up in mid-day in the sunshine. The Weather Report states that an intense anti-cyclone covers China and the adjacent seas and is extending eastward to Korea and S. Japan.

A trough of low pressure extends from the Visayas to the Caroline Islands.

## BLOCKADE PROBLEMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Paris, To-day.

M. Georges Pernot, French Blockade Minister; Mr. Nickolls, Private Secretary to the General Director of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare; and M. Paul Morand, head of the French Economic Warfare Mission to London held a three-day conference for the co-ordination of Anglo-French action for the control of German trade.

The conference is elaborating the common instructions sent to British and French consuls for the common pursuit of economic warfare.—Havas.

## DOCTOR ROBBED

Dr. G. M. Hargreaves, of the Queen Mary Hospital, has reported that the window of his motor car, No. 5992, parked in Clear Water Bay Road, yesterday, was broken and jewellery valued at \$53 stolen shortly after 1 o'clock.

Det.-Sgt. J. Allen prosecuted and Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended.

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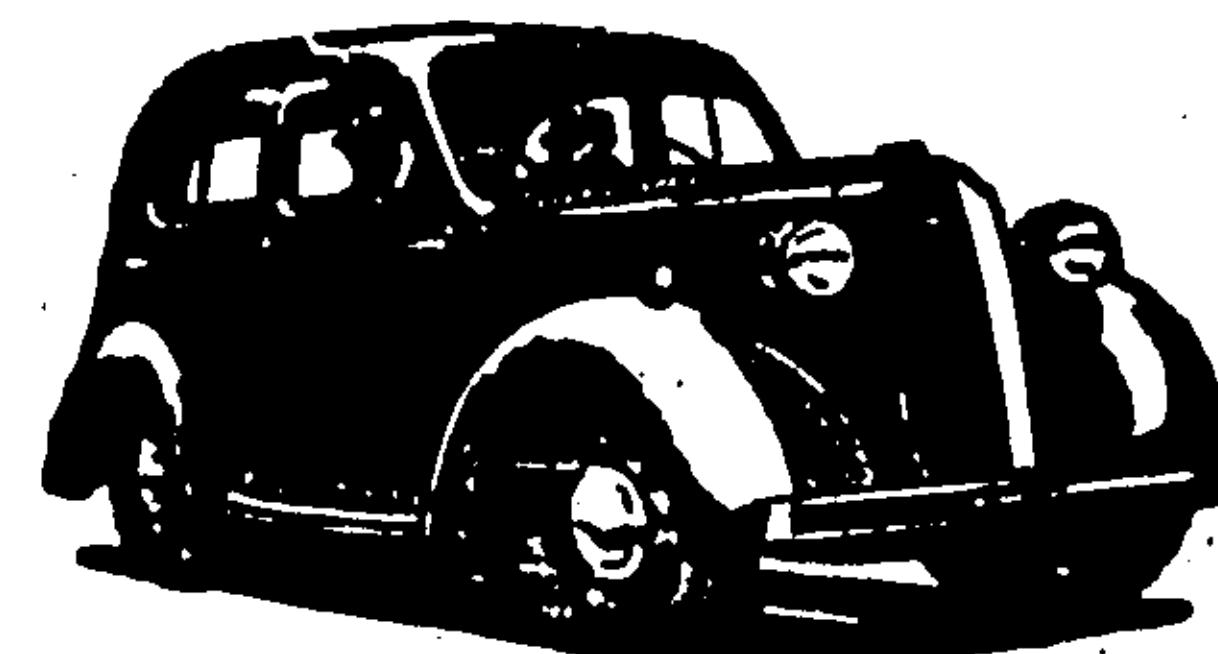
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### INWARD MAIIS

Amoy	November 27.
Haiphong and Fort Bayard	November 27.
Calcutta and Straits	November 27.
Haiphong	November 27.
Shanghai	November 28.
Manila	November 28.
Canton	November 28.
Straits and Manila	November 28.
Saigon	November 28.
Japan and Shanghai	November 28.
Straits	November 28.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st November	November 21.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 22nd November	November 29.
Manila	November 29.
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Japan and Shanghai	November 29.
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For	Per	Date and Time.
Parcels only for Shanghai	MONDAY	Nov. 27, 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong		Nov. 27, 1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Nov. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	TUESDAY	Nov. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Formosa		Tues., Nov. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard		Tues., Nov. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Nov. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 6th Dec.	K.P.O.	Reg., Nov. 28, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Nov. 28, 5.30 p.m.
Amoy	G.P.O.	Reg., Nov. 28, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Nov. 28, 7.00 p.m.
Shanghai	G.P.O.	Reg., Nov. 28, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Nov. 28, 5.30 p.m.
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Shanghai and Japan	G.P.O.	Reg., Nov. 28, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Nov. 28, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 4th Dec.	G.P.O.	Reg., Nov. 28, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Nov. 28, 7.00 p.m.
Amoy	WEDNESDAY	Reg., Nov. 28, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Nov. 28, 7.00 p.m.
Parcels only for Straits		Wed., Nov. 29, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow and Parcels only for Tientsin		Wed., Nov. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Egypt and Europe Via Marseilles—due Marseilles 26th Dec.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Reg., Wed., Nov. 29, 11.45 a.m. Ord., Wed., Nov. 29, 12.30 p.m.
Amoy	K.P.O.	Reg., Wed., Nov. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa		Reg., Wed., Nov. 29, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Wed., Nov. 29, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service" — due Paris 7th December.	G.P.O.	Reg., Wed., Nov. 29, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Wed., Nov. 29, 7.00 p.m.
Amoy	THURSDAY	Reg., Nov. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Shanghai and Tientsin		Reg., Nov. 30, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 6th December.	K.P.O.	Reg., Thur., Nov. 30, 5.30 p.m.
Amoy	K.P.O.	Reg., Thur., Nov. 30, 7.30 a.m.
Haiphong		Thur., Nov. 30, 2.00 p.m.

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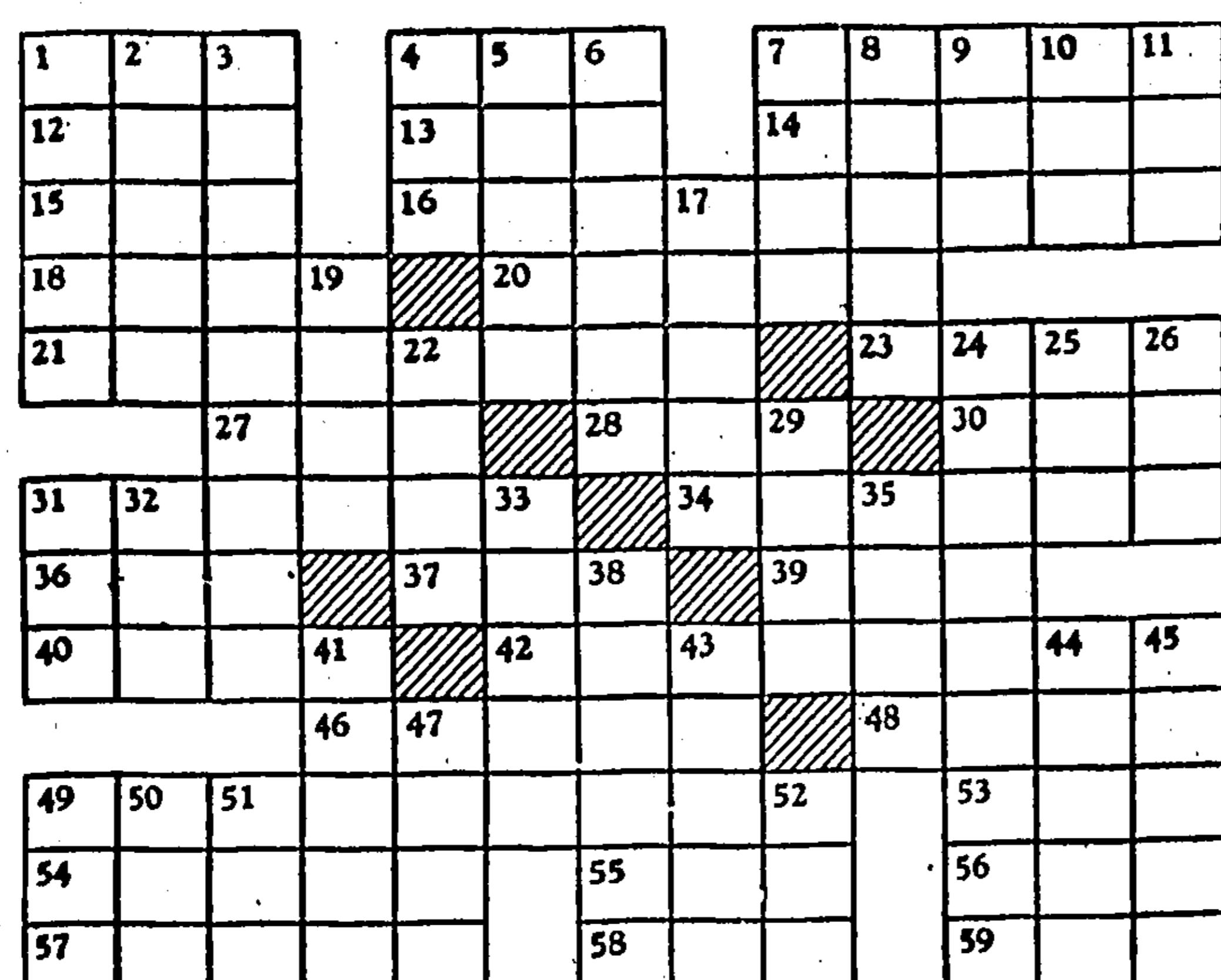
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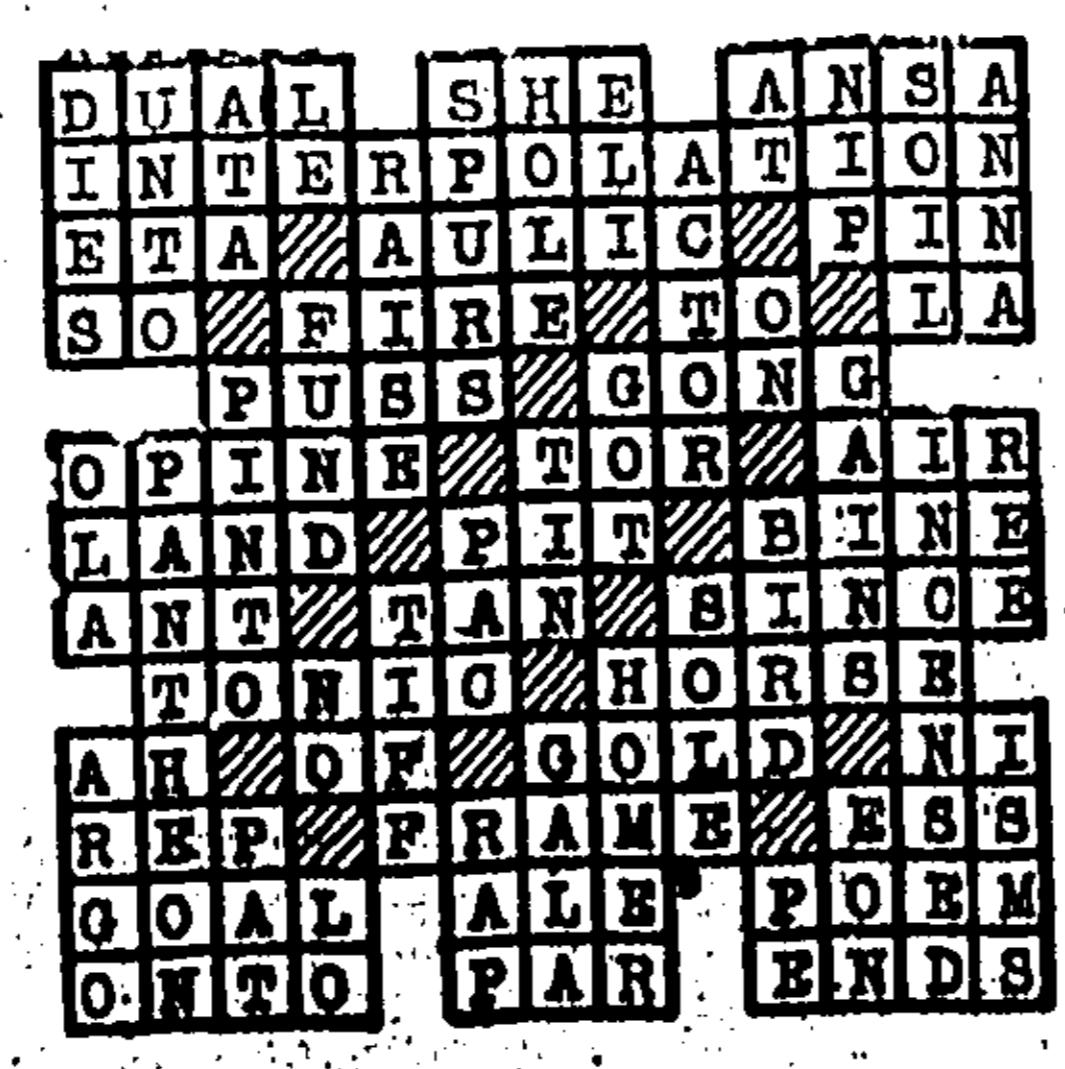
- To make edging
- Jutting rock
- Play
- Latin: I love
- To be due
- Variant: European blackbird
- Anything small
- Law
- Beverages
- Gnawed
- Sent back
- Fragrant ointment
- Bird
- French: of the
- Inlet
- Vestments
- Game fish
- Unctuous fluid
- To put on
- Deer
- Neighbourhood gatherings
- Tyro
- Mountain ridge
- Southwestern river
- Warped

**53 To join.**

- Covered with vines
- Compass point
- Abbr: is not invented
- Feline animals
- Female ruff
- Standing room only

**VERTICAL**

- Cossack
- Soap plant
- Carved pillar
- Part of shoe
- Possessed
- Brought up
- Periods
- Cud of a ruminant
- Ibsen character
- Chess pieces
- In music: high
- Sets of laws
- To navigate
- Exigency
- Asiatics
- River (Sp.)
- Tribe of Israel
- Hindu garment
- To weep
- Bond
- Seate
- To pine
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- Webfoot birds
- Senior
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- Candle
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## HOCKEY

## KEENNESS EVIDENT IN MEN'S TRIAL YESTERDAY

THE CIVILIAN'S HOCKEY trial played at King's Park in preparation for the Charity hockey game next Sunday resulted in some keen play, and of those that turned out W. A. Reed, Gurbachan Singh and E. V. Reed and V. Bond deserve places without further thought.

Both goal-keepers, U. B. Souza and V. M. Benwell, gave sound displays.

V. C. Bond was the best of the full backs, and E. V. Reed was steady, but Mehar Singh apparently was not used to a grass pitch.

Of the wing-halves, both R. J. Reed and N. B. Whitley played well, J. M. Pinto, tried at left-half in the closing stages of the game, was also impressive.

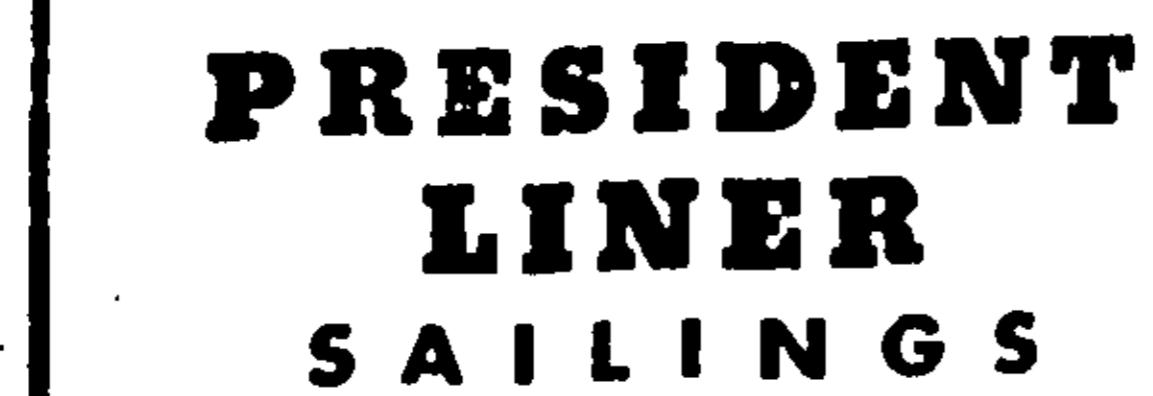
Gurbachan Singh, who played for Whites, was the better centre-forward. D. T. Smith worked steadily at right-wing, while in the same

position for Colours, S. A. Fowler was starved and had little opportunity to shine. On the left-wing, J. Soares showed up very well, while Pinto and E. Fowler were the pick of the inside-forwards.

Colours: U. B. Souza; V. C. Bond,

E. V. Reed; W. A. Reed and R. J. Reed; S. A. Fowler, J. M. Pinto, Pyara Singh, H. L. Ozorio, and J. Soares.

Whites: V. M. Benwell; J. Goncalves, Mehar Singh; M. R. Malik, M. H. Hussain, N. B. Whitley, D. T. Smith, N. Beltrao, G. Singh, and E. Fowler.



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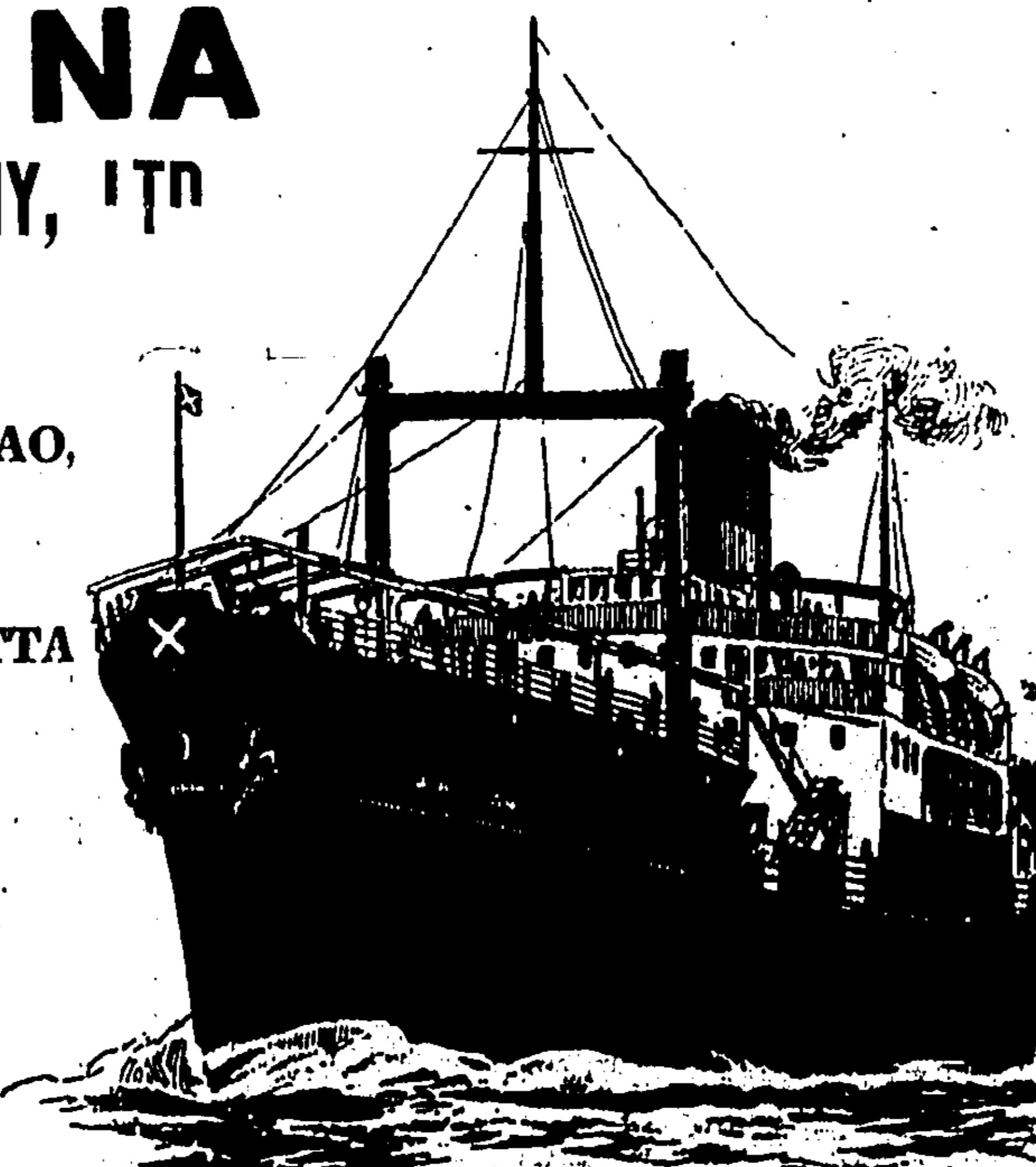
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## FOOTBALL RESULTS AND SCORERS

## FIRST DIVISION

		SECOND DIVISION "B"
S. China "A" . . . . .	5 Kowloon . . . . .	2 R.A.F. . . . .
Fung King-cheong 2, Jorge. Lai Shui-wing 2 (1 pen.), Ip Pak-wah.	J. Jorge. Lee Yan-leung. Pearson.	Cheung Kim-fai, Edmunds, Chin Chi-fun, Smith W.
Kwong Wah . . . . .	2 Middlesex Regt. 7 Thomas 4, Tait 2.	Royal Scots . . . . . 1 R. Engineers . . . . .
Lau Fook-cheun, Lee Yan-leung.	Police . . . . . 2 Howlett, Johnson.	Williamson. Lowe, Chan Kum-poy.
Royal Navy . . . . .	2 Royal Scots . . . . . 1 Gordon.	Signals . . . . . 2 Kowloon . . . . . 2 Hutchison, Scully, Burrows, Richardson, Kane, Holden.
Thorburn, Allison.	Hau Ching-to 2.	THIRD DIVISION
Eastern . . . . .		12th Hvy. Bty. 3 Royal Scots . . . . . 2 Farmer.

## SECOND DIVISION "A"

	South China . . . . .	R.A.O.C. . . . .
Thain Chin-khoun, Lok Tat-hang, Ip Yul-bo, Chan Chung-yin.	4	0
8th Hvy. Regt. . . . .	5 Kit Chee . . . . .	5th A.A. Regt. 0 R.A.S.C. . . . . 5
Cross 2, Weldrick 2,	Ho Yan-kee 3 (1 pen.).	R.A.M.C. . . . . 0 24th Hvy. Bty. 6
Eastern . . . . .	Club . . . . . 0	Mason 3, Marshall 2, Atkins.
Yu Yek-shing 2,		South China . . . . . 2 Ho Lok-ki (2).
Lee Bo.		Kumaons R. . . . . 2 Dewan Singh and Narain Singh.
		Signals . . . . . 3 Electric . . . . . 0
		Marsden, Smith and Medford.

## HE FOUND 'SUBURBAN NERVES'

Two doctors who have held posts at the Royal Free Hospital, London, have just announced their marriage at the Jordans Meeting House, Beaconsfield.

They are Dr. Stephen Taylor, who last year published an analysis of what he called "suburban nerves" among women, and Dr. Charity Clifford.

Dr. Taylor, who became an M.D. in 1938, was until recently senior resident medical officer at the Royal Free Hospital.

In 1938, writing in the "Lancet," he said: "The Englishman's home is still his castle, but for the Englishwoman too often it is her gaol."

The suburban woman, he said, had made a fetish of the home. As long as there was something to keep the young wife busy things were fairly satisfactory. The trouble began when she had time on her hands.

Dr. Taylor, who was four years investigating this disease he called "suburban nerves," said that few people realised the internal loneliness of the unhappy inhabitants of the suburbs.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$3.93-1/4.

## SUCCESSFUL PAPER HUNT

A very successful paper hunt was held yesterday by the members of the Cottage Club at Fanling.

The first four riders in the card were.—Mr. P. W. Calderara, Mr. W. Minderhoud, Mr. R. Van Der Gaag and Mr. J. Fraser. The first lady home was Mrs. J. Monks.

## GERMANY BEATS ITALY

Berlin, To-day. Germany yesterday beat Italy in an international football match by 3—2 at the Olympic Stadium Berlin.—Reuter.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE

As from TUESDAY, 28th November, the office of THE BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND will be at Government House.

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## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

## THE WHITECAR MURDER CASE

By Vance Wynn

Late in the evening of March 16, 1936, there was great commotion in the Los Angeles home of Samuel Whitecar, a motion picture house organist. There was a rain of bullets, agonized shouting and then the figure of a slim looking man was seen sneaking away in the darkness of the night. As the excitement died, Mr. Whitecar was found holding a revolver in his hand while lying on the floor was the dead body of his wife. When the police arrived, the agitated husband said that a young man who had apparently been hiding in the house had attempted a hold-up and in the battle which ensued had shot and killed Mrs. Whitecar.

A careful investigation by detectives confirmed the story told by the husband. Some of the neighbours testified that they had seen the strange man fleeing from the house immediately after the sound of the shooting had died away. Bloodstains indicated the direction taken by the fugitive and the police of the city were turned loose on the man-hunt.

In a remarkably short time they had arrested James Eagen, a young Kentucky mountaineer, who, only a few months before, had arrived in California in the hope of bettering his shattered fortunes. He was shabbily dressed and his peaked face indicated that he was sorely in need of nourishment.

Questioned by the police he frankly admitted that he had been in the house when the rain of bullets occurred. His explanation of his presence there at that time was highly sensational. He said that Whitecar had called on him earlier in the day and had given him money to simulate "a holdup" in order to thrill a woman friend. It was a curious request, but Eagen said he was so badly in need of money that he had immediately consented.

That night, he went to the house and concealed himself during the absence of the Whitecars. When they came home he confronted them with a revolver with a dramatic cry of "Hands Up!" The mountain boy testified that Whitecar immediately drew a revolver and started shooting. Acting under instructions, he also joined in the shooting, but claimed that he had no knowledge of having shot Mrs. Whitecar.

The organist denied the story and said he had never engaged Eagen for that purpose. He declared he had given the boy money earlier in the day, but that it was simply as an act of charity because he had come to him begging for something to eat. Eagen was placed in jail while the police made a further investigation into the fantastic affair.

They discovered that Whitecar had insured his wife for \$18,000 in a policy which contained a double indemnity clause. That immediately cast suspicion on his, particularly as they were unable to find the



(FLEES FROM SCENE OF THE SHOOTING.)

"woman friend" for whom the fake hold-up had been planned.

The husband was quite indignant over the questioning to which he was subjected and insisted that the insurance was a perfectly natural thing for any normal husband to arrange.

The investigators next gave their attention to the two revolvers used in the make-believe holdup. Four bullets had been found in the body of the woman, and it was proved that the revolver used by Eagen only held three. Where did the fourth bullet come from if not from the weapon of the husband?

On the strength of this, and of other facts in their possession, Mr. Whitecar was arrested on the charge of having murdered his wife for the purpose of obtaining the insurance on her life. Eagen was placed on trial at the same time and the case attracted widespread attention. From the outset the police insisted that the organist was guilty, with the young mountaineer as an accomplice, innocent or otherwise.

The state presented evidence that one or more of the bullets which caused the woman's death had come from her husband's revolver.

The jury deliberated for some time and the verdict was guilty. They fixed life imprisonment for Whitecar and five years as the penalty for the boy from the Kentucky mountains.

Whitecar protested his innocence of the crime and when he heard the verdict, he lifted up his hands and exclaimed:

"May God strike me dead before I get to my cell if I am guilty of murder!"

Even the old and seasoned court attaches shivered when they heard these terrible words. But the van had come to take the prisoners to the famous San Quentin penitentiary, and the exciting events of the day were soon forgotten by all of those connected with the trial.

In the meantime, when Whitecar reached the prison he was all but a physical wreck. Dr. Leo L. Stanley, the prison physician, examined him, and decided that the organist was in no condition to be placed in a cell.

At the close of the fourth day, the doctor was suddenly summoned by the nurse in charge of Whitecar. It

required but a moment to decide that he was suffering from a serious heart attack.

The usual remedies were applied, but in a few minutes the condemned man breathed his last.

## ADRIFT ON WRECK

The manager of the Kwang Hsa Steamship Co. has reported that at 1 p.m. on Thursday, while he was on board a cargo junk, P2172-H, anchored off Sha Ng Chung, in Mirs Bay, a violent storm arose and the vessel capsized.

The junk-master and two seamen swam to another junk and were

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**SATURDAY'S SPORTS****EASY WICKETS BUT LOW SCORES; "Y" LADIES' REPLACEMENTS; S. CHINA'S RELUCTANCE TO SHOOT; DISAPPOINTING RUGBY.**

**CRICKET** DESPITE the slow wickets resultant upon Thursday's downpour, scoring in Saturday's cricket was generally low. Highest scorer of the day was E. A. Lee—what a comeback he is making—with 61 not out; next highest were D. J. N. Anderson, of K.C.C., and Sgt. Denyer, Army, with 55 each.

Denyer was also responsible for the best bowling performance of the day **CRICKET** and was absolutely unplayable. H. L. Ozorio is once again among the wickets. On Saturday he took six K.C.C. wickets for 43.

Following are the leading performances in Saturday's cricket programme:

**BATTING**

E. A. Lee (C.C.C.)	61 not out
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	55 not out
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	55
A. B. Hamson (C.C.C. 2nd XI)	41
G. Souza (C.C.C.)	38 not out
Chin Thian-siew (Univ.)	36
H. A. Barros (C. de R.)	33
A. R. Sufflad (I.R.C. 2nd XI)	31
Q. M. S. Paterson (Army)	31

**BOWLING**

Nancarrow (R.A.F.)	6 for 39
Ozorio (Rec.)	6 for 43
Denyer (Army)	5 for 8
A. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	5 for 31
Robb (H.K.C.C.)	5 for 77

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THUS early in the season the struggle for the Caer Clark Cup competition appears to have resolved itself into two teams—"Y" and St. Andrew's.

Until St. Andrew's prove themselves, "Y" must once again start favourites. This latter team must be considered particularly fortunate in the matter of replacements as, in recent seasons, however black the outlook has been, someone has always turned up to fill positions vacated by players proceeding on leave, getting married or for other reasons.

Having as a nursery the local schools, "Y" have as recruits the **HOCKEY** cream of the schoolgirl talent of the Central British School whereas teams like Hong Kong can only rely on new blood from Home.

Among former local schoolgirls who played for "Y" on Saturday were Miss C. Minoot (C.B.S.), the Misses Dorothy and Muriel McCaw (C.B.S.) and Miss Helen Bockler.

Miss Purvis, Hong Kong Ladies' left-wing has come along tremendously since last season and her performance against "Y" was one of her best local efforts. What particularly impressed about her play was a quality that might well improve the play of many others, namely determination. She tackled back whenever dispossessed and by so doing prevented the opposing defenders from taking a leisurely look around the field before clearing.

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Miss Stella Roberts, the St. Andrew's leader, is another vastly improved player. She was giving a grand display against C.B.S. when she met with her mishap. Her injury, although a painful one, was evidently not as serious as was at first supposed as she was able to return to the ground after treatment at Kowloon Hospital. It is to be hoped that this accident will not cause her to lose confidence.

Miss Beatrice Greaves on her few appearances this season has not greatly impressed and she would do well to get down to serious practice.

St. Andrew's, considered in many quarters as the only team capable of extending "Y", did well to beat Central British School by 4 goals to 1, after they had lost the services of Miss Roberts.

Miss H. Reid, formerly a halfback, is fast settling down in the forward line and scored two good goals, the first a hard shot just within the circle. The combination of Miss Churn and Miss F. Wong on the right was pretty to watch and these two should soon form a powerful combine.

The schoolgirls were fast on the ball and with their tackling. Miss Rousseau at right half was outstanding. Fast in her tackling she had Miss Reid well held in the first half.

Miss M. Shand and Miss Sissons on the right wing were the most dangerous of the girls' forward line. The former fed Miss Sissons well and was unlucky in not adding to her side's score in the second half.

C.B.A. juniors, thanks to Miss E. Woolley, disposed of Recreio and on their display should be near the top of the Junior competition at the end of the League.

Miss E. Woolley was by far their most dangerous forward and one who required continual watching.

Miss J. Crawford on the right wing played a greatly improved game and sent over good centres, while on the other wing Miss E. Hunt also did well; though she was not sufficiently up at times.

Argonauts secured a debut win in the Brawn Cup at the expense of St. Andrew's but they should not let this success lull them into any sense of self-satisfaction. Although it is not desired to be discouraging this team should remember that St. Andrew's were wooden-spoonists last season when their team was if anything slightly better.

Argonauts are youthful; they have mastered the rudiments of stickwork but they are still sadly lacking in combination that alone wins games consistently. More experience will probably work wonders.

Recreio juniors are showing great improvement this season in spite of the fact that they have lost the services of several of last year's players who have been promoted.

Miss Silva in goal brought off several good saves while Miss T. Goncalves was prominent with her hard hitting.

Had Recreio been steadier in front of goal or indulged in more shooting they would have gathered a few goals in the first half when they were presented with several chances.

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**HIGHLIGHT** of Saturday's football was the Middlesex win by 7-2 over Kwong Wah, second only to South China "A" in the League table.

**FOOTBALL** Thomas, the outside-left, scored four goals. South China made three changes, but they won as they liked by 5-1 against Kowloon. Fung and Lai were prominent at forward, Leung his usual self at centre-half, and Lee and Mak bringing off some brilliant saves in defence. Eastman had a poor game at outside-left for K.F.C., while Bell was again not at his best, his distribution being weak.

Ho Kar-keung has been very successful for R.A.F. as a goal-scorer this season, but on Saturday he was very (Continued on Page 18)

**FOOTBALL****EASTERN FORTUNATE WINNERS**

SEVERAL PLAYERS were fortunate in not receiving "marching orders" in the First Division League game at the Valley yesterday between Eastern and the Royal Scots when the former won by the odd goal in three.

Fast and robust tackling of the Royal Scots upset the Eastern team and they were not given time to settle down. This tackling was not relished by the Chinese and they too resorted to like tactics.

Eastern scored in the first half through Hau Ching-to but they were not able to increase their lead in the first half while their own goal underwent several narrow escapes.

Yee Kap-hing was injured in a collision and was not able to continue.

In the second half Gordon equalised for Royal Scots and it seemed

that the soldiers would bring off a surprise for they did most of the attacking. A faulty clearance by the backs enabled Hau Ching-to to score the winning goal in the closing minutes of play.

**Eastern.** — Chan Ki-chung; Kong Sin-king, Tsang Chun-wan; S. T. Lin, Hsu King-shing, Lo Wai-kuen; Chang King-hai, Yee Kap-hing and Chang King-hai, Yu Yuk-shing and Hau Ching-to.

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## SATURDAY'S SPORTS IN RETROSPECT

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lazy and, as a result, the Air Force secured one point instead of possibly two. W. Smith was prominent on the right-wing and Mason did well on the left. Soulby and Bartlett kept Ho well fed throughout, but their efforts were wasted on the majority of occasions.

South China would have scored more than four times against Ordnance had they not attempted to walk the ball into the net. Thian Chin-khoan and Luk Tat-hang were the biggest offenders.

Medicals fielded six reserves against 24th Battery and lost 6-0. Parkin was their only forward to look dangerous and he was well watched. The Gunners fielded a very useful team, and should do well. Twidale is a grand

centre-half and they have forwards who know where the goal is.

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**RUGBY** SATURDAY'S Rugby was disappointing, the Volunteer-Army game being spoiled by the numerous changes in the Army team — fortunately

for Volunteers — and the rough and tumble which ensued. In both teams only Stewart, Walkden, Lang and Pinkerton lived up to their reputations. Godfrey, having played several times at three-quarter for the "A" team, is showing a decided aptitude to play the five-eighths game, and as a result he is not as valuable a forward as he once was.

The Club "A" v. Navy "A" game was a triumph for Bidwell, who play-

ed a magnificent game at centre three-quarter. Thomson did well at scrum-half against a much more experienced opponent, and Brock gave a rousing display at forward. Searle, until injured, was also prominent, especially in the loose. Paul was very subdued for Navy, Bidwell watching him very closely, while his kicking was surprisingly weak. Clark was too well marked by Charter to be dangerous, and Navy relied entirely on Paul, Pascoe having injured his leg.

Club played exceedingly well with only 14 men and Navy were perhaps a trifle fortunate to win 21-17 as it was forgotten that Castleton kicked goals and Club points were thrown away as the result of poor attempts at goal.

### RUGBY

#### ARMY TEAM FOR SATURDAY

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Reserves:—Page (8th A.A.R.A.), Sign. Willis (R.C.S.) and L/Cpl. Smith (Seaforth Hds.).

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**THE NEW BRITISH measures to control Germany's trade may bring in evidence at last the Soviet Government's real stand in the conflict in Europe.**

Political circles state that she must take a definite side and point out that Russia apparently wishes to take advantage of the war to obtain certain political concessions which she has always claimed.

## BRUTALITY IN POLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A Polish source states that the Nazis have sent to concentration camps the Polish professors of Cracow University who protested against the insults against Polish science uttered by German speakers. Many of the professors, including some world-renowned scientists, were maltreated when arrested.—Havas.

## ALLIED WAR DRIVE UNITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Jean Monnet, who has been appointed President of the Franco-Bri-

Russia has not yet protested against the new control measures.

There is no indication available that Moscow wishes to terminate the trade negotiations which opened in London over a month ago, and which are still in progress.

On the contrary, Moscow is apparently trying to complicate the situation by mixing commercial and political problems and accusing Britain of leading an anti-Soviet campaign in Turkey, the Balkans and Finland.

Soviet reaction to the decision to exercise control of the German export trade should give a clearer indication of the Russian position.—Havas.

ish Co-ordination Committee, visited the Far East from 1933 to 1935, cooperating with the Chinese Government for the elaboration of a programme of economic reconstruction.

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Shanghai, To-day.

Several score of the city's destitutes perished from exposure and scores of others have been taken to hospital as a result of the bitter cold which gripped the city over the week-end.

The present cold spell is believed to be likely to continue for another day at least.

All day long yesterday, the local benevolent societies were extremely busy removing dead bodies from the streets and ministering first aid and relieving shelter seekers.

The Shanghai Benevolent Society alone reported at noon yesterday that some 30 bodies had been picked up in the Central District. — Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Death has come hand and hand with Winter again in Shanghai, striking at the hundreds of ill-clothed and poorly fed Chinese who huddle in the doorways and odd corners of the less busy streets of the city at night.

That there would be many deaths as a result of the present cold spell is not entirely unexpected, for over 300 bodies a day were picked up last winter during the extreme cold spells. Both the police and the various benevolent bodies send out their vans each morning to pick up the dead; in many cases, they are able to get at the sufferers and remove them to hospital before life is entirely extinct.

A large proportion of these street-sleepers are victims of the Sino-Japanese War. With the indomitable spirit and determination of China's lower classes, they refuse to go into the refugee camps and prefer to try and eke out a living for themselves peddling or stealing food in the day time and trying to ward off the cold at night with piles of old newspapers and a few tattered rags.

Some of the harder ones, now entering on their third winter, manage to rig up little one-room houses each night in empty doorways with the aid of bits of string and matting. Others, and these are the ones that are picked up dead in their hundreds after each cold-spell, wrap a newspaper or two around them and shiver the night through.—Our Own Correspondent.

Sha-ning-chung was bombed by two Japanese planes yesterday morning. Two civilians were killed.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day. Japanese aircraft, since dawn, have been bombing Nanning and its suburbs. No progress by the Japanese is reported. Chinese scored successes in counter-attacks on the south-west outskirts. Street-fighting continues in north-east part of the city.—Our Own Correspondent.

London, To-day.

So far, 171 survivors of the Pilsudski have been landed. It is believed that seven of the crew are missing. Three are dead and there are many injured among the survivors.

The survivors said that two explosions completely crippled the vessel.

The captain, though wounded, refused to leave until the others had got way. He then dived into the sea and clung to a raft, but he died a few minutes after his rescue by a destroyer.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Another unsuccessful German attempt to raid French positions east of the Moselle was made on Saturday night at the same point as the raid of the previous night.

Fierce French machine-gun and artillery fire repulsed the Germans. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Fleetwood trawler William Humphries was shelled by a U-boat. Thirteen men who are believed to have taken to an open boat, have been missing since Tuesday.—Reuter.

\*\*\*Owned by Ritchie and Davies, of London, the William Humphries was a steam trawler of 276 tons. Just over 125 feet long, she was built at Aberdeen in 1918.

Paris, To-day.

P.A.T., the official Polish agency, states that the 14,000-ton Polish liner Pilsudski, which has been under charter to the British Navy ever since war broke out, has been sunk off the north-west coast of Britain.—Reuter.

## LADIES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries are invited for the ladies' singles and doubles championship of the Colony which will shortly be held under the auspices of United Services Recreation Club.

Entries should be sent to the Tennis Secretary, U.S.R.C. on or before Saturday accompanied by entrance fee of \$3 per event. Games will be over best two out of three sets.

The draw will be published in the press next Monday.

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